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## 2014 MALBEC NAPA VALLEY

### *Vintage*

Coming on the heels of 2013, which had been heralded the “vintage of the decade”, 2014 certainly had a lot to live up to. One of the driest winters on record for California, most of the rainfall came in February and March and was quickly followed by warm soil temperatures. Fast spring growth set the valley off and running, in some cases seeing bud break and veraison almost 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The lack of major heat spike, allowed for longer hang times and (coupled with higher degree days and drier soils) increased concentration and complexity. The 2014’s will go down in history as the best of the stellar 12-13-14 vintage string, and one with higher than average yields and exceptional quality.

### *Vineyard*

Our family vineyard is located on 40 acres of Napa Valley floor just north of St. Helena on the Silverado Trail. It has well-drained, sandy, alluvial soils and is characterized by its ability to produce complex wines with well-defined fruit flavors, gentle acids and naturally balanced tannins.

### *Wine Profile*

Such a fun wine to drink! Pleasing aromas of pomegranate, red currants, dried flowers, citrus zest and Asian five spices abound. The palate is mouth popping, with a freshness redolent of summertime flavors such as cherry pie, juicy plum and raspberry. A creamy and smooth mouthfeel with medium bodied tannins draws the wine out to a finish of coca and rum raisin. Enjoy now through 2022.

### *Technical Information*

Vineyard Manager:	Eric Titus	Cases Produced:	585
Winemaker:	Phillip Titus	Release:	May 2017
Appellation:	Napa Valley	Barrel Aging:	18 Months
Blend:	86.5% Malbec	Bottled:	April 2016
	11% Merlot	Alcohol:	15.1%
	2.5% Cabernet Sauvignon	Total Acidity:	.59 g/100 ml
		pH:	3.72